

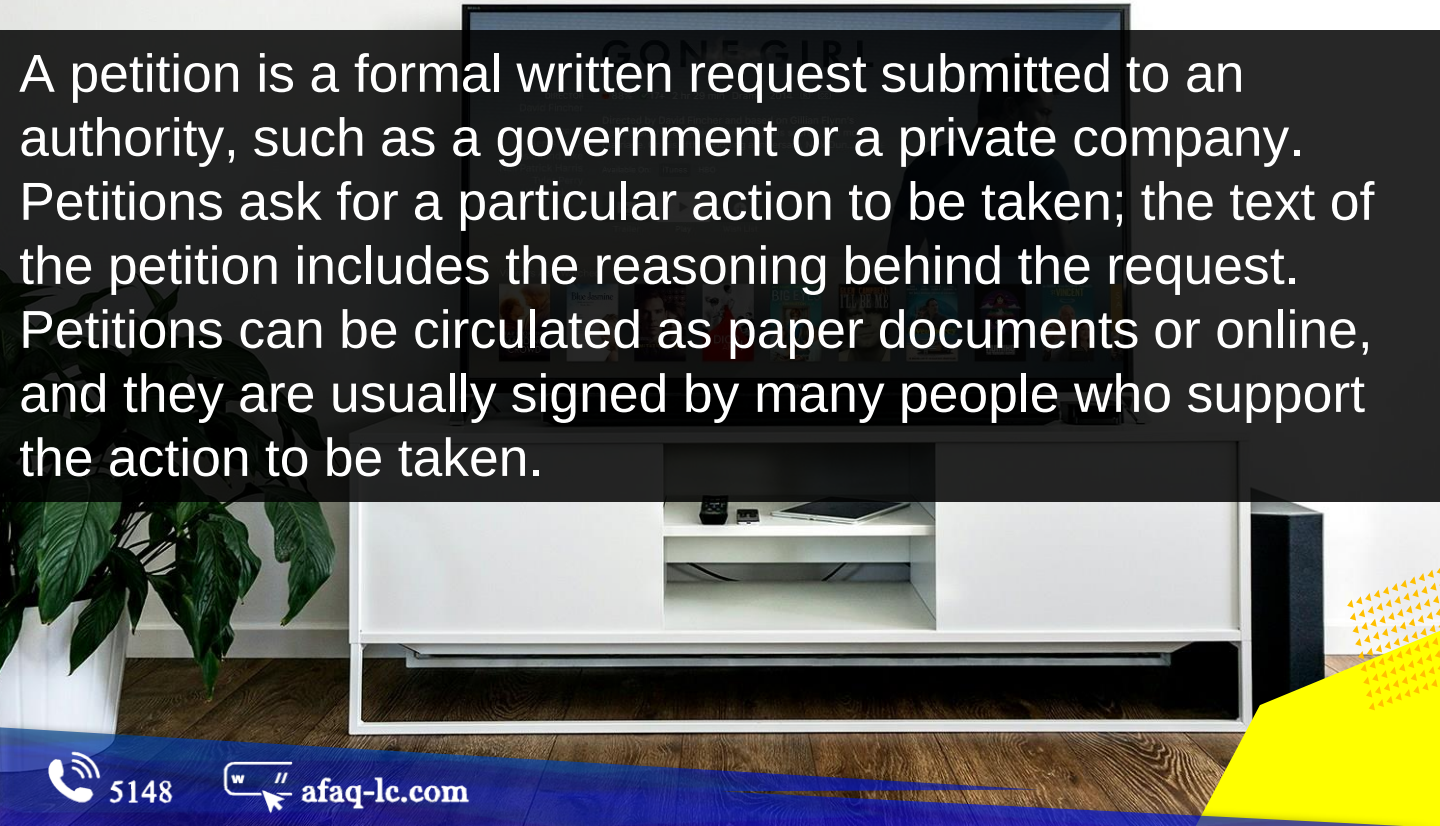
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Writing

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READ ABOUT PETITION.



A petition is a formal written request submitted to an authority, such as a government or a private company. Petitions ask for a particular action to be taken; the text of the petition includes the reasoning behind the request. Petitions can be circulated as paper documents or online, and they are usually signed by many people who support the action to be taken.

Have Ss skim the text again and do the task. Then check the answers in class.

READ THE MODEL. WHAT IS THE ACTION THAT THE WRITER IS REQUESTING?

Save our state park!



As concerned citizens of Pine Springs, we call upon our city to reject the development plan for a biking resort near the entrance to the Pine Springs Forest State Park.

Pine Springs Development Company has submitted plans to erect a new biking resort directly across from the entrance to the forest park. The developer argues that it will bring tourist money to our state, with little environmental impact. But they are underestimating the impact it will have. Along with the tourist money, we will also have tourist noise, light, pollution, and garbage. Additionally, if the resort is built, it is likely that more development will follow, to satisfy the tourist demand for more services such as shops and restaurants.

The State Park has long been a protected wildlife area. It is home to many species of birds and other animals that can no longer be found elsewhere in the state. In particular, local populations of foxes, deer, and other forest mammals would be threatened by the increase of traffic in the area. The hiking and biking trails through the forest would become overused and difficult to maintain. And the vast increase of bicyclists, in an area where the road is narrow and twisting, with no bike lane, would be dangerous for both bicyclists and drivers.

Furthermore, just inside the border of the State Park is the reservoir from which several surrounding towns get their drinking water. Developing near this land would potentially impact how clean our water supply is.

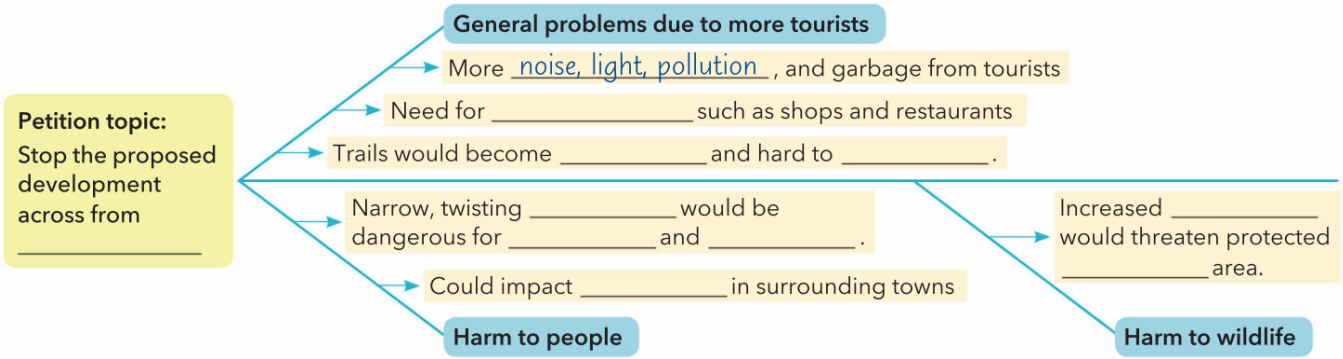
While we are proud to be a bike-friendly state and support the idea of offering a resort for bicyclists, we feel that this is simply not the right location for it. Alternative locations must be researched and considered!

Please sign this petition to stop the proposed development of a bike resort just across from the entrance to Pine Springs Forest State Park. Prevent harm to our local wildlife and save one of the few remaining protected areas in our state.

This petition is to be submitted to the Town Council of Pine Springs.

Have Ss scan the text again and do the task. Then check the answers in class.

D Read the model again. Take notes in the chart.



Teach the writing skill and have the Ss do the task in class.

2 FOCUS ON WRITING

Read the Writing Skill. Then read the model again. Are these sentences examples of formal or emotional language? Check (✓) your answers.

WRITING SKILL Consider your audience

Thinking about who will read your writing helps you determine choices such as formality and emotional appeal, as well as what information you choose to include. A petition is a hybrid form of writing with two audiences: the signers of the petition and the authority to whom the petition is submitted. Therefore, it must be both emotional and formal, and it must include any information that either audience needs to know.

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3. But they are underestimating the impact it will have.	☐	☐
4. The State Park has long been a protected wildlife area.	☐	☐
5. Alternative locations must be researched and considered!	☐	☐

WRITING INPUT

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Teach the models to the Ss.

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Choose an issue, either local or global. Write a few formal sentences

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WRITING INPUT

Emotional Language

1. If this project happens, our park will be gone forever!
2. Think about the kids who won't have anywhere to play.
3. How can they ignore our voices?
4. It's so sad to see nature being destroyed.
5. We must save the park we love!

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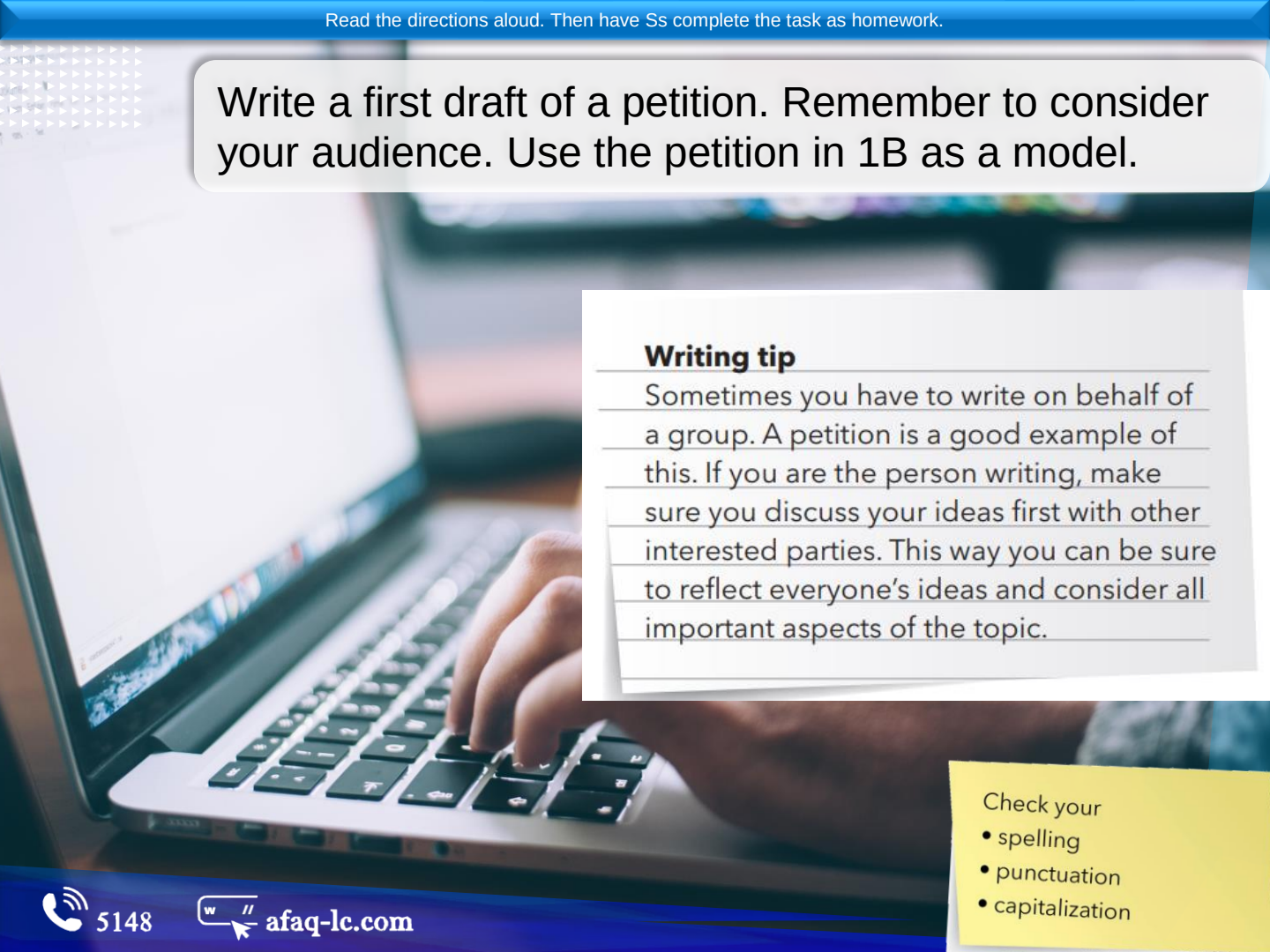
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Read the directions aloud. Then have Ss complete the task as homework.

Write a first draft of a petition. Remember to consider your audience. Use the petition in 1B as a model.



Writing tip

Sometimes you have to write on behalf of a group. A petition is a good example of this. If you are the person writing, make sure you discuss your ideas first with other interested parties. This way you can be sure to reflect everyone's ideas and consider all important aspects of the topic.

Check your
- spelling
- punctuation
- capitalization